

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 February 18 2015 to 0600 February 19 2015



Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center

Photo: UCLA

Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)



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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant events – National

- (LA Times) Duke Energy announced Wednesday that it is setting aside \$100 million to pay for a proposed settlement of a federal criminal investigation of the giant utility's handling of coal ash in North Carolina. In an earnings report, Duke said it intended to pay a penalty under a proposed agreement that would resolve the investigation, which began in February 2014 following a massive coal ash spill at a shuttered Duke power plant on the Dan River. A federal grand jury in Raleigh has been investigating Duke's handling of coal ash at several sites in North Carolina, including the Dan River location. The spill on Feb. 2, 2014, dumped up to 39,000 tons of coal ash and 27 million gallons of coal ash slurry into the Dan, coating the bottom and banks for 70 miles. Known as "coal combustion residuals," coal ash is the residue left after coal is burned to produce electricity. It is typically stored in unlined ponds or pits next to waterways. Coal ash slurry contains toxic arsenic, lead, mercury and heavy metals that can contaminate groundwater, streams and rivers while also polluting the air. The earnings report added: "The company expects a proposed agreement could be reached and filed in the next several days for consideration by the court."

Significant events – International

- (BBC) The US has announced it will begin allowing sales of armed drones to some friendly and allied countries. Only the UK has been allowed to purchase armed unmanned aircraft. Other countries have unarmed craft. Countries purchasing drones must sign agreements they will only be used for military campaigns and the US will review how the country is complying. The change comes amid China exporting drones from its own unmanned program to at least nine countries. In the newly published policy, the State Department did not specify which countries would be considered for armed drone sales, but unnamed officials told US media previous requests by Italy and Turkey would be reconsidered. US lawmakers are also currently considering selling unarmed Predator drones to the United Arab Emirates.
- (BBC) An Australian former Guantanamo Bay detainee has had his terrorism conviction overturned in the US. David Hicks, 39, pleaded guilty at the base in Cuba in 2007 to providing material support to terrorism. But a US court has struck down the conviction, on the grounds the charge was not a war crime and so should not have been heard at a military court. Mr. Hicks was captured in Afghanistan in 2001, where he attended al-Qaeda training camps and met Osama Bin Laden. A Pentagon spokesman said the US would not appeal. The unanimous ruling, by the US Court of Military Commission Review, reverses what had been one of the few successes in prosecuting Guantanamo detainees.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Superbug reported at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles County

- 02/18/15 - KCRA media reported that a potentially deadly "superbug" resistant to antibiotics infected seven patients, including two who died, and nearly 200 others were exposed at a Southern California hospital through contaminated medical instruments, UCLA reported Wednesday. A total of 179 patients at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center were exposed to CRE during endoscopic procedures between October and January, University of California, Los Angeles spokeswoman Dale Tate said. The bacteria may have been a "contributing factor" in the deaths of two patients, a university statement said.
- Similar outbreaks of Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) have been reported around the nation. They are difficult to treat because some varieties are resistant to most known antibiotics. By one estimate, CRE can contribute to death in up to half of seriously infected patients, according to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The bacteria can cause infections of the bladder or lungs, leading to coughing, fever or chills. CRE infections have been reported in every state except Idaho, Alaska and Maine, according to the CDC. UCLA said infections may have been transmitted through two endoscopes used during the diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic and bile-duct problems.
- "We notified all patients who had this type of procedure, and we were using seven different scopes. Only two of them were found to be infected. In an abundance of caution, we notified everybody," Tate said. The two medical devices carried the bacteria even though they were sterilized according to the manufacturer's specifications, UCLA said. "We removed the infected instruments, and we have heightened the sterilization process," Tate said. Potentially infected patients are being sent free home-testing kits that UCLA will analyze, the university said.
- The State Warning Center contacted the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and was advised that CDPH is monitoring the situation and there have been no requests for assistance.

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center on Diversion due to Sewage Spill, Torrance, Los Angeles County

- On 2/18/15 at 2103 hours, the Warning Center received a call from the Los Angeles County Environmental Health Duty Officer, who reported that the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center stopped accepting additional patients due to the sewage system being inoperative.
- The Warning Center contacted the California Department of Public Health who advised that the CDPH L&C Duty Officer reported that the hospital, a level one trauma center, had been on diversion since approximately 1830 hours due to a blocked sewage/flooding problem in the basement and first floor in non-patient areas.
- The hospital corrected the problem and cleaned the affected areas.
- The hospital was off diversion at approximately 0030 hours on 2/19/15.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Highly Pathogenic H5N8 Avian Influenza Confirmed in Commercial Chicken and Duck Flock, Kings County

US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) have confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) EA H5N8 virus in a commercial chicken and duck flock in Kings County. The virus was investigated upon after a flock was experiencing steadily increasing mortality. In response, the facility was officially quarantined and the USDA confirmed that the birds are completely enclosed with no access to the outside. Samples have been taken from infected bird houses and have been sent to the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) who confirmed that the sequence is 99% similar to the H5N8 detected in late January.

- There are currently no requests for assistance.

Weather of Concern

No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A ridge of high pressure will bring dry weather to northwest California through the middle of next week. Inland temperatures will cool a few degrees this weekend as the ridge moves offshore. Offshore flow Saturday night through Tuesday will bring clear skies to northwest California.

Medford Weather:

Continued dry conditions are expected for most of the forecast area through early next week at least. Cooler temps through the weekend. Models finally begin to show some type of organized frontal systems by late next week, but confidence in a wet and cold period late next week is low at this time.

Reno Weather:

High pressure will remain along the west coast through the end of the week. Temperatures will turn much colder for the weekend with a slight chance of showers as a cold system drops south from western Canada into Nevada and the eastern Sierra.

San Francisco Weather:

Areas of morning low clouds and near seasonable temperatures will continue today, with fewer clouds expected on Friday. Offshore flow will develop late Friday, resulting in clear skies and mild daytime temperatures and cooler nighttime temperatures for the coming weekend. Dry weather will continue through most of next week. A pattern change may develop by the end of next week which may bring rain to the area.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry weather with above normal temperatures will continue through the next several days. Patchy late night and early morning fog is possible across portions of the central valley. A slight threat of showers over the Sierra over the weekend as a system drops into interior northern California with a good chance of breezy north winds and slightly cooler temperatures

Hanford Weather:

High pressure over California will keep dry conditions and above normal temperatures across the region through the week. Patchy fog will also be possible in the San Joaquin Valley each night into the morning hours.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

A weak low pressure system will slowly slide over the region through the weekend. Increasing onshore flow will bring night through morning low clouds and fog west of the mountain areas with overnight drizzle possible by early next week. The weekend temperatures will be below normal.

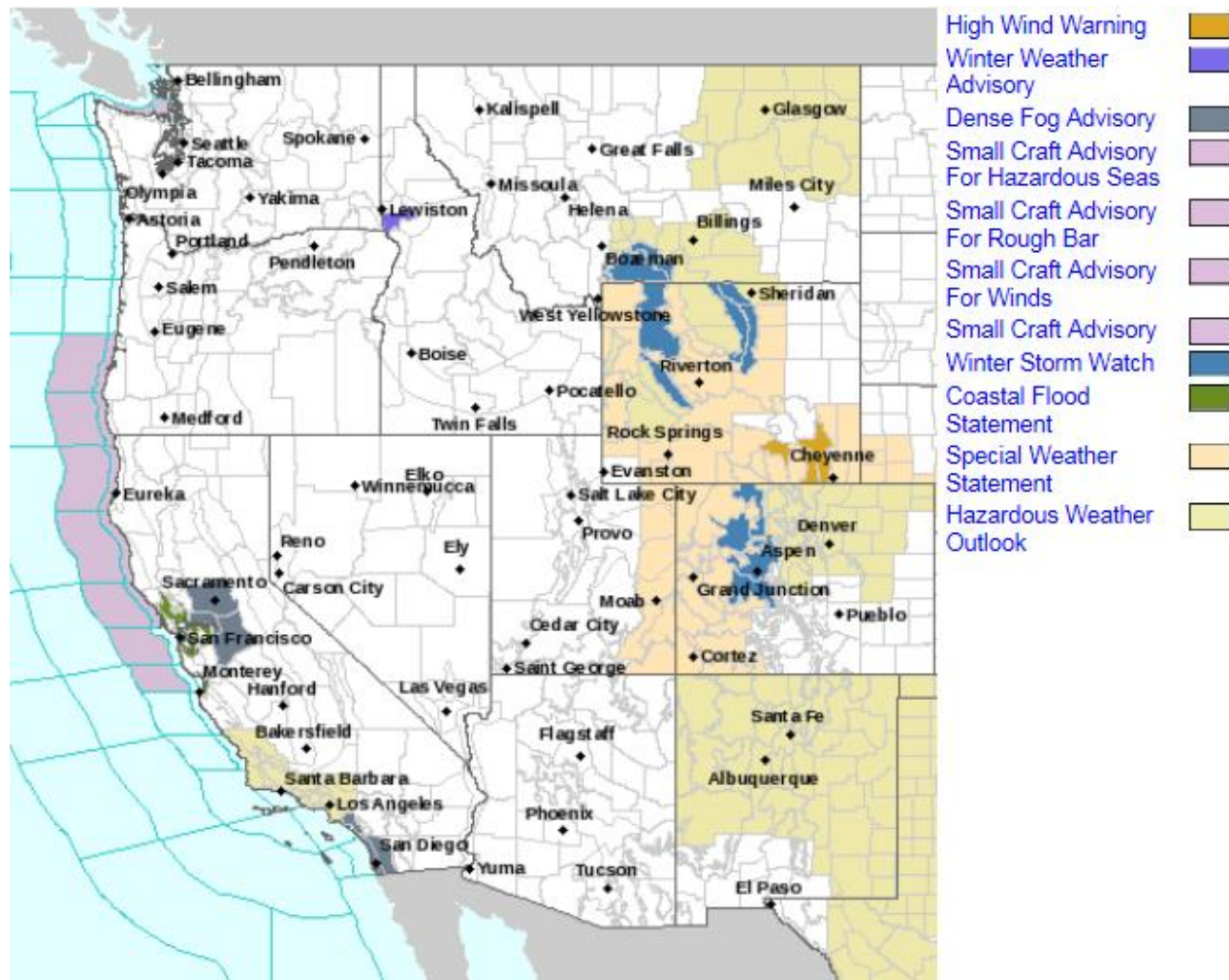
Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

Patchy dense fog will make for a slow commute along the coastal mesas and higher terrain up to 15 miles inland this morning. High pressure aloft will continue slightly above normal temperatures today. It will be a little cooler with a deeper marine layer Friday through early next week as the ridge breaks down and low pressure aloft develops over California. Light precipitation is possible late Saturday through early Monday from the mountains west to the coast. The low pressure system will linger most of the week but will mostly result in seasonal weather due to limited moisture.

Southeast California Weather:

Warming temperatures and calm conditions are expected through Friday. The next weather system is expected to drop south across the area late Friday and linger over the region into early next week bringing cooler temperatures, and breezy winds.

STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Feb, 19th 2015 at 6:52:05 am MST

FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- Recovery Individual Assistance continues to work with Mono County on the Initial Damage Estimate.
- The American Red Cross and Salvation Army continue to offer their support services.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning 02/09/15.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.